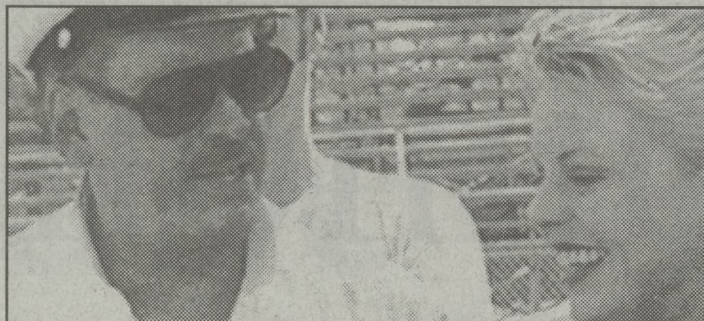


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LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE

Women Lead at Valley College

BY OLIVER CACANANTA
STAR REPORTER

Women no longer take the back seat when it comes to leadership. From politics to business, the number of women rising to key positions of power has increased since the feminist movement gained momentum three decades ago.

This trend certainly holds true for community colleges today.

According to a 1995 survey by the American Council on Education (ACE), women occupy about 16 percent of chief executive officer positions at 453 colleges and universities in the United States. In 1975, they comprised only five percent. Women secured more ground in community colleges by holding 20 percent of CEO positions.

In 2001, the Los Angeles Community College District boasts five women presidents out of nine coveted spots: Mary Spangler of City, Linda Spink of Harbor, Adriana Barrera of Mission, Audre Levy of Southwest and Valley's very own Tyree Wieder. Many more hold vice president positions, waiting in the wings and thickening the pool of talent for future appointments.

At Valley College, three women command the attention of the school.

Tyree Wieder

Dr. Tyree Wieder became Valley's president in 1995. It had been a long time coming.

"Just by the nature of experience in America, I probably faced more difficulty as a woman of color," said Wieder. "But my grandparents taught me to work hard—not to expect anything handed to me. Be honest, caring, know right from wrong. They were people who did not have much."

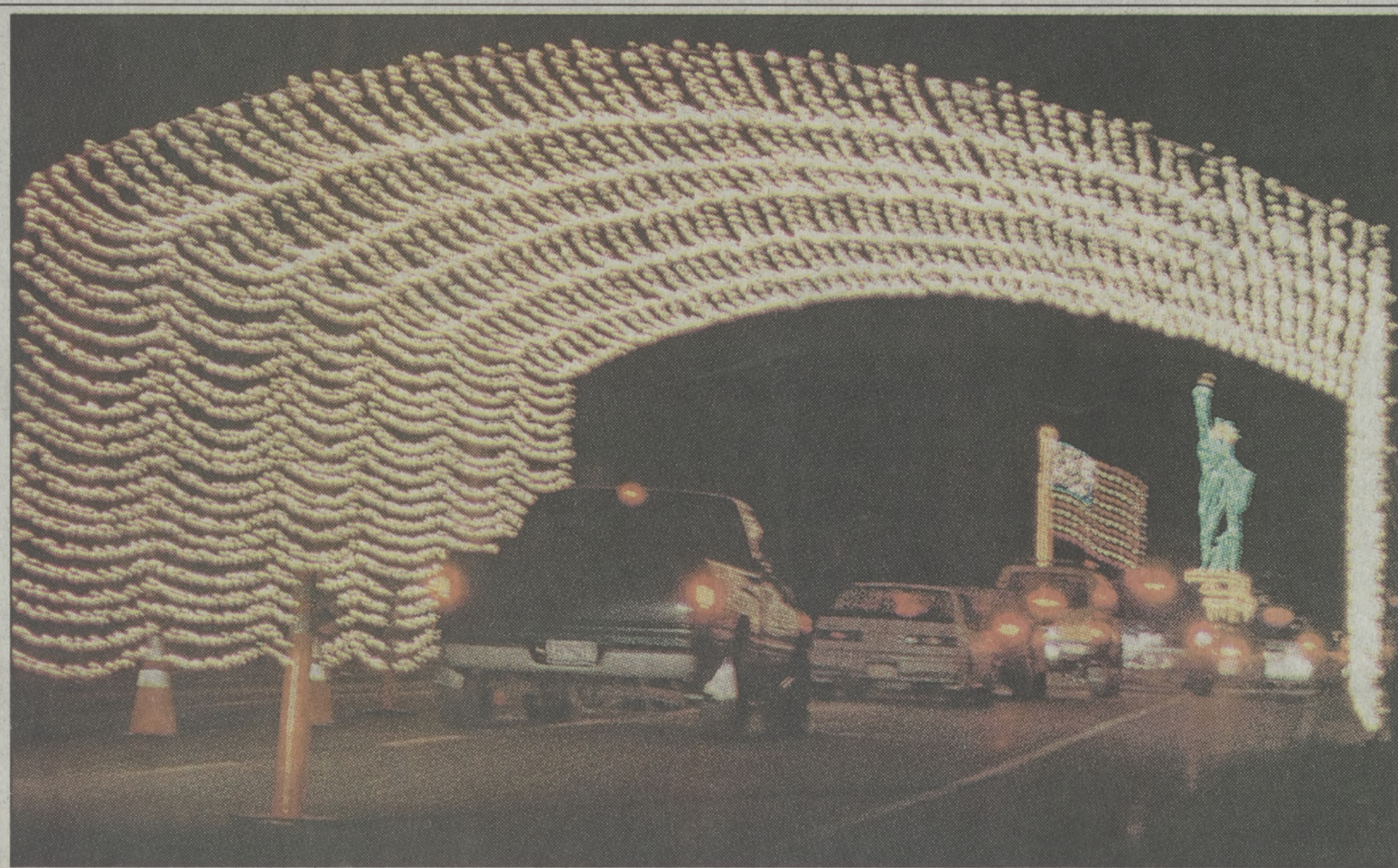
Raised by her grandparents in a close-knit family, Wieder attended Los Angeles public schools and what was then Compton Junior College before receiving her bachelor's degree in sociology at Cal State Northridge in 1969. That was followed shortly by a master's in educational psychology. In 1997, she earned her doctorate in education at UCLA.

For a long time she wanted to work as a community college counselor. She provided mental health counseling as a student and after graduate school, she served in the women's reentry program at Moorpark College.

She later served as Los Angeles Mission College's associate dean of student services, then dean of academic affairs and director of educational programs.

From 1990 to 1994, Wieder acted as Valley's vice president of academic affairs. Now she is on the move to make Valley "the best community college

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The Griffith Park DWP Holiday Festival of Lights lights up the evening hours and the hearts of many happy on-lookers driving toward liberty. The entire tour takes about one hour on a moderately busy night. Escape the cold by driving through or stretch your legs and walk with a spring in your step as you sing Jingle Bells or your favorite song.

Possible Budget Cuts Put Valley On Guard

BY OLIVER CACANANTA
STAR REPORTER

Legislative debate about the budget crunch, mixed in with the current economic malaise, leaves Valley College's decisions for next year in limbo.

"At this point, there are plenty of lobbying but there are no solid numbers coming," said Tom Jacobsmeyer, vice president of administrative services. "Until then we can't make any predictions as to how the budget will be allocated."

Governor Davis proposed slashing a significant portion of the community college budget last summer, a move vehemently opposed by the districts. The community colleges remain the largest provider of post-secondary education in California. However, the state has given more money in favor of the California State and University of California systems.

Hence Valley administrators prefer the state to leave the money alone.

But as a precaution, Jacobsmeyer said the college would try to carry over the budget into next year. That means tightening the purse strings on expenditures and possibly shaving certain programs.

"We will have to trim in places that does not affect the academic curriculum," he said, in anticipation of drastic cuts from the state. "There are certain areas we can do that, definitely, but again I don't want to make speculations."

The college continues to seek funding from external sources. In order to upgrade programs, or keep them, Jacobsmeyer said the school never stops looking for money such as the generous technology grant recently obtained from the Department of Education.

"Everything is rather nebulous and we don't know what budget problems we might face," Jacobsmeyer said. "Our budget now depends on the state and the issues it has to confront."

New Heating System Close to Green Standards

BY SAMANTHA KUPPIG
STAR REPORTER

Remember those days you bundled up in November? Remember packing on pounds of extra clothes to wear in class? Those days are over now since a new heating system was recently installed at Valley.

The old heating system consisted of boilers and was operated on steam.

"The new heating system is hydronic," said Bob Domin, heating, ventilation and air conditioning supervisor.

A hydronic system circulates heated water to move thermal energy from its production site to where it is needed. The water absorbs the thermal energy at a heat source, conveyed by the water by the distribution piping, and finally released into a heated space, such as a classroom, by a heat emitter.

Hydronic heating offers a range of benefits. At the top of the list is efficiency.

"These new systems are getting close to green," said Tom Jacobsmeyer, vice president of administrative services.

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The old system consisted of six boilers the size of a locomotive engine. Feeding the boilers were three-inch wide gas pipes. The new gas lines are one and a half inches thick and feed boilers comparable in size to the average refrigerator. By reducing the size of the piping, the loss of gas drops tremendously.

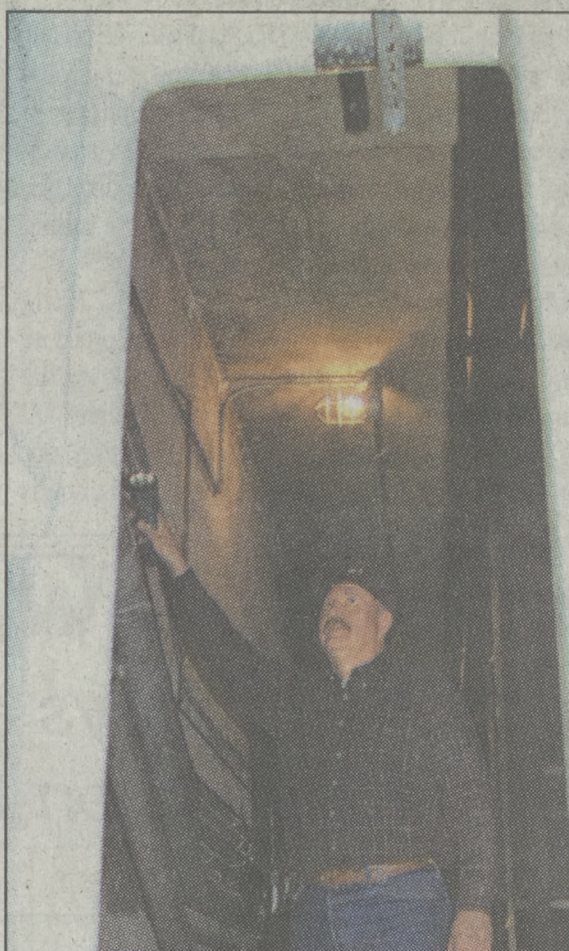
Valley is currently only using two or three of the new boilers.

"We are reserving the others for expansion," said Jacobsmeyer.

According to a Dec. 3 e-mail from Jacobsmeyer, "There is still some work that needs to be completed in several buildings; that work is with the control systems for the heating vents."

Some of the buildings still have the old vacuum controls, which need to be replaced with the new electronic control systems in the ceilings.

Viron is the company that is doing this renovation project. Their contractors will be completing the retrofit over the next 30 days. Heating in the buildings should not be affected during the retrofit.



STAR PHOTO/SAMANTHA KUPPIG

Framed by the new heating system pipes, general foreman Jose Ornales explains that hot water is circulated through the pipes and returns cold water to the boilers to be reheated.

Beloved Psychology Professor Dies

BY NANCY KENNEDY
STAR REPORTER

Ruth Cline, a Valley College psychology professor for 27 years, died Nov. 12 in Manhattan Beach after a long period of multiple health problems. She was 77.

"Ruth was like an institution within our department," said Allan Levine, psychology professor. "Her caring, her humor, her teamwork and friendship will be missed by all who knew her."

Levine added that his former colleague was dedicated to her pro-

fession and committed to psychology.

Cline completed her undergraduate studies at UCLA in 1965 and earned a master's from UCLA in 1976. She graduated at the top of her class and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Cline taught at Valley from 1968 to 1994 and retired in 1994. She kept in contact with her former colleagues by telephone and visits.

She was also a pioneer at Valley.

"She developed, packaged and taught our Para-professional

Human Services program for many years," Levine said. "She made it a model in the field that graduated some outstanding students who went on to work in psychology both at this level and beyond."

Levine said Cline's students saw her as a leader, teacher, supportive academic advisor and appreciated her qualities and work as a professor.

Psychology professor Ray Parada reminisced: "I had the great pleasure and honor of sharing an office with her. I saw and heard student after student praise her and thank her for her emotional support and sensitivity in teaching statistics. Many students were fearful and anxious about math and Ruth was often able to help them work

through it."

Stephen Cline, one of her sons, said of his mother, "She loved the world of ideas and enjoyed sharing in exploration of them with family, friends, colleagues and students." Stephen also said, "I was aware that she was well loved by her students, because I sometimes saw the notes of gratitude from some of the many she turned onto her subject and helped guide into their own majors at four-year institutions."

She was diagnosed at one time with ankylosing spondylitis, according to Mike Gardner, psychology professor. Ankylosing spondylitis is a chronic inflammatory disease that affects the joints.



COURTESY OF ALAN LEVINE

Ruth Cline, highly accredited and influential Valley professor, has died. She was 77.

Opinion

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An End to Tolerance

BY BARRET OLIVER

The idea of tolerance is based upon the assumption that someone is different or inferior. Tolerance is turning a blind eye to a problem or not saying anything when you are bothered. Things to be tolerated are pests.

This is the predominant under-current in our society. Minorities may have all the legal rights of full citizenship, while being looked at by the majority as second-class citizens. Because they look or act differently they are not included in all parts of life; this extends to government.

Lifestyles or looks may differ between people of different races,

nationalities or religions, but all people are the same. All people seek happiness, liberty and a better life.

The only way the national populace will truly be united is to have total inclusion. At the time of the American Revolution, the British based the representative government upon class distribution. Unfortunately, Parliament left most people out; the members represented only the upper classes. In order to solve this problem, the American government instituted a system of geographical representation, which is the model of our current government.

As the geography of our nation

grew, however, minorities spread out and suffered from under-representation. This problem persists today, and although most minorities became concentrated in pockets, or ghettos, this affords fewer opportunities for equal representation.

Various lobby groups, unions, and quasi-governmental organizations formed to solve this problem. Through campaigns they try to sway the votes of legislators but have no real power themselves. Because they operate outside the official arena; they are unaccountable to their constituents.

Systematic inclusion of various

groups in the representational bodies of government would do away with lobbyists and create opportunities for change and improvement. The new temporary government in Afghanistan is composed of representatives from various groups, mainly based upon ethnic and religious lines. The United States helped broker this deal and should take its own lead.

People are only equal if they have an equal voice. A system of government of and by the people needs to include equal representation for all people.

Can You Say Churros?

BY ROGELIO GARCIA

On November 20, a Los Angeles Times article reported that Santa Ana, California now has the highest concentration of Spanish-speaking residents in the United States, according to the Census Bureau. So what does this mean? That depends on where you stand on issues like immigration and education. For instance, many people's reaction to the news was nothing short of panic; they are terrified at the notion that the Mexicans are taking over. On the other hand, there are those of us who embrace an already known fact: Latinos are not going anywhere except next door.

The newly released Census Bureau survey found that 74 percent of Santa Ana residents speak Spanish, and 15 percent of adults 18-64, more than four times the California average, answered that they do not speak any English at all. The reason why Santa Ana is such a hot bed for Spanish speakers is due to the high level of immigrants who settle there. Mexican males account for a substantial number of that population. Once they arrive and settle down with stable employment, they send for their families. This, unfortunately, has created a backlash among conser-

vative activists who are using the new census findings to further propagate their false assumption about Latino immigrants, such as the idea that they don't want to learn English. This is not true in the least.

Santa Ana school board member John Palacios was quoted by the L.A. Times in an article about the census results. "The demand for English is huge," Palacios said, referring to the amount of immigrants seeking to learn the language.

Approximately 14,000 Spanish-speaking residents are enrolled in English as second language (ESL) courses. The demand is so high that many of the 95 sites offering ESL courses have to borrow space from local high schools in order to conduct night classes.

The alarmists want to convince you that the Santa Ana census results are proof that illegal immigration is getting out of control. I believe it is a beautiful thing and what makes this country a great place to live. Once more, Santa Ana is a Spanish name. Do you think it just named itself? No, it and hundreds of other streets, boulevards and avenues serve as a reminder that the Latino community has deep roots here and they are ever growing.

"The reason why Santa Ana is such a hot bed for Spanish speakers is due to the high level of immigrants who settle there."

Old Glory

BY LINDA TOPDJIAN

Love and patriotism for America came out of a despicable terrorist attack. Out of loud blasts, choking smoke, shattering glass and pulverized cement creating a blinding dust cloud, and terror in people, there emerged a new patriotism centered on our nation's symbol, OLD GLORY, our flag.

Our nation displayed the flag at half-staff in mourning for thousands of lives that were lost on Sept. 11. That day changed our lives forever. Safety on our home front has been compromised.

I remember back in elementary school we would sing and salute the flag before class started. On Flag Day all students would make flags and color them to take home with pride, to share with family. It wasn't until the Forth of July that the flag would be displayed again in parades, picnics and fireworks, to commemorate Independence Day.

It took OLD GLORY to

help unite the American people as a whole to cheer on the fight against terrorist attacks on American citizens and our landmarks. Our flag is now held high with pride to symbolize the nation's unity, to support the President's campaign to rid the world of terrorist attacks from any evil source.

The streets are flooded with red, white and blue. Americans are displaying a flag on their car, in front of their house, and on their clothing. OLD GLORY is everywhere the eye can see.

Our flag is displayed on television commercials, news programs, displayed on clothing, in personal gardens, gas station displays, supermarket displays, and even the bakery is selling cakes adorned with flags.

OLD GLORY is being used as eye candy to promote unity among the people of the nation. Unfortunately, there are some who are exploiting our flag. That in its very essence is

what America stands for. Capitalism is the basis for our entire culture. Being successful today means you've acquired the skills to amass a certain amount of money. If you can sell the flag to make money, Uncle Sam gives you a thumbs up.

It's a wonder how many people who are waving their flags and singing "America the Beautiful" really love America. How long is this "patriotism" going to last? Will the flag and all it stands for go flying out the window as soon as a new television show premieres? How many Americans are willing to die for this country?

Some Americans are ready to go to battle at present, but will we all have the patience to endure the true repercussions of going to war against so many countries who harbor terrorists?

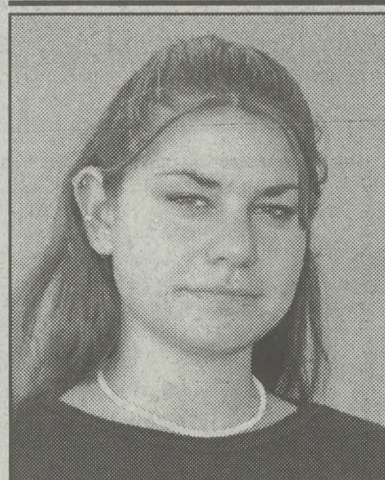
Be a true patriot. Wave old glory with pride and not as a passing fad.

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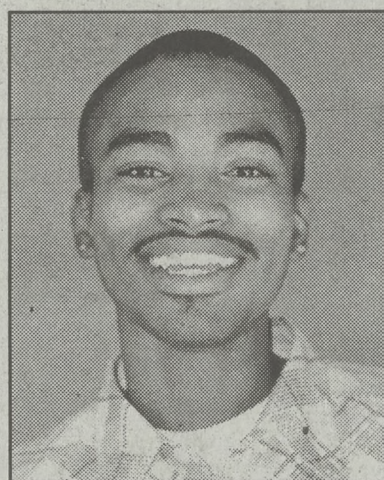
CampusView

Will you be celebrating the holidays any differently as a result of what happened on Sept. 11?

BY MARCY PETRIQUE
STAR REPORTER

"Probably not. My grandmother will probably have a longer prayer about them, but I'm not very religious."

Kathleen Hodges
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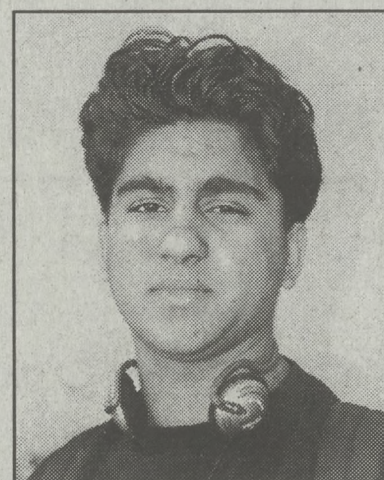
"I think not Christmas, but maybe New Year's. I want to go to Vegas but it's optimistic because you don't know basically what is going to happen and where it's going to happen."

Dane Thompson
Business Management



"It's different because I don't have my parents with me. My in-laws are going to be kind of sad because they sent my brother-in-law to the war, and they're not even going to have a Christmas Tree."

Clara De La Ciuc
Dental Hygiene



"Probably not because I don't feel that the terrorists' bombing or anything like that should come in the way of the holidays. I mean life has to go on, isn't that right?"

Rohit Mahtani
Business

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Schedule	8:00-9:15 TThF	11:20-12:35 TThF	1:45-3:00 TThF

BY CAROLE MEYERS
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Austin Conover, the stalwart 88-year-old curator of the Los Angeles Valley College Historical Museum, proudly points to several small, cream-colored booklets and calls them "Nuggets." He's referring to the half dozen condensed histories that he's written or edited about different sections of the San Fernando Valley and the people and events that have shaped its development. "Here, take one," he says warmly as he gives me one of each. "Take as many as you're interested in; that's what they're here for."

The booklets, along with dozens of historical photographs and newspaper clippings and exhibitions ranging from ancient Chumash Indian artifacts to 1920s clothing, are just a few of the "nuggets of history" that can be found in this gold mine of a museum dedicated to the history of the San Fernando Valley. It is the only museum in Los Angeles that specifically focuses on the 250 square mile area. Conover calls the museum his "passion," and as we tour each of the rooms in the crowded bungalow that was once the college's first administration building, it's easy to see why. "This Valley has grown more in the last 50 years than many major cities have in the last 100," he exclaims. "It's fantastic the way it has developed."

Conover should know. Born in 1913 in Kansas City, Mo., he made his way West with his mother and brother in the 1920s. He attended USC while the Coliseum was being built to host the 1932 Olympics and has seen the Valley grow from wheat fields and orange groves to the

sprawling urban mix it is today. He has personally experienced transportation methods from horse and wagon and trolley cars to jet planes and has watched communication grow from telegraph wire to the Internet. It is this richness of life experience that makes speaking with Conover and exploring the museum with him such a delight.

The main museum room features dozens of photographs, many of them donated by former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley. It is amazing to see pictures of familiar major thoroughfares such as Lankershim and Sepulveda Boulevards, Whittier Avenue, and Mulholland Drive dotted with only farms and small stores. There's also a photograph of a Van Nuys street in 1914 covered with snow. Equally fascinating are the stories of the streets' namesakes, the early settlers of the area. Conover calls William Mulholland the "Giant of the Valley" because he was responsible for bringing water into the area, and he says that Isaac Lankershim bought up hundreds of acres of what is now North Hollywood after moving here from Northern California, by way of his native Nuremberg, Germany. Descendants of William Paul Whittier's family were so impressed by the campus museum that several pieces of furniture and some personal items from his estate were donated to the college and are displayed in their own room.

There are several other rooms that warrant exploration, especially the clothing room. Here in glass display cases are terrific examples of clothing and accessories ranging from the turn of the last century to the glamour days of 1940s



STAR PHOTO/MARCY PETRIQUE

With passion and joy, Austin Conover gives Carina Galicia a delightful tour of Valley's historical museum.

Hollywood. The detail and handiwork on these items are in wonderful condition, making them look just as beautiful today as they were when they were first made. Conover marvels at the fact that today it would cost more to hand make clothing than to buy it, another sign of changing times.

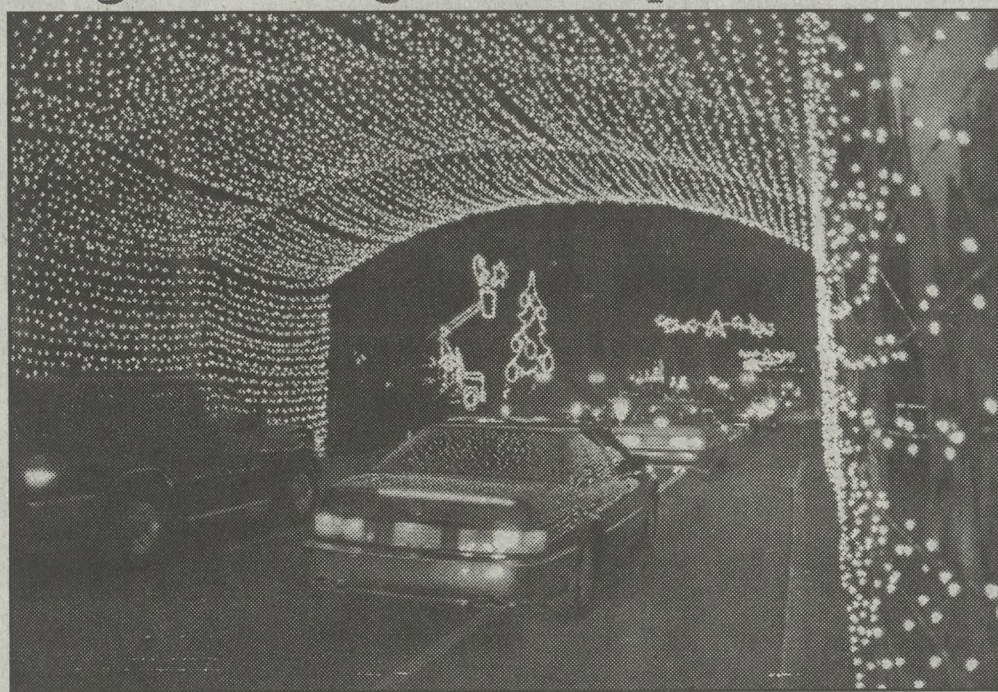
As we walk into the farm room, there's more evidence of just how far we've come in so short a time. In addition to tools and farming items from the early 1900s, there's an early electric Maytag washing machine and a Hoover vacuum cleaner that look prehistoric by today's standards. One wonders that less than 75 years ago people made their own clothes, grazed their livestock, and grew their own food on the land where we now park our cars and attend classes.

There's also a small library in the museum, and Conover encourages visitors to explore the books in the collection. There are several out-

of-print histories of the Valley, one written by a former Valley professor, along with books focusing on geography, California history, and Native American tribes indigenous to the area. Books may be taken into the nearby conference room and read during museum hours which are weekdays from 1:00-3:30 p.m. or by appointment. The museum is located in Bungalow 15, near the parking lot "H" off of Burbank Blvd.

With eyes sparkling and a smile on his face, Conover completes the tour with personal antidotes and jokes about times gone by. He can tell you the origin of the old fashioned phrase "the cat's pajamas" or rib you by asking if you "remember" when your mother had a washing machine like that, knowing full well she didn't. When asked what he thought was the most important invention of his long and full life, he said television. "It's changed the way we communicate," he says. "It's really brought us together." He pauses, thinking a moment, then says: "The world is going around awfully fast. Awfully fast. But it's been good. There's a lot of joy."

Griffith Light Festival Brightens Night and Spirits



STAR PHOTO/LAUREN RUDSER

Cars stream into the 2001 DWP & Griffith Park Holiday Light Festival, which is running until Dec. 26, from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. nightly. Admission is free. Take part in either a driving tour, or get out, stretch your legs, and see the wonderful lights on foot.

finals week

BY LEVON DAVIS

- ① **GOOD TIME MANAGEMENT:** When it's 24 hours before the exam, realize it's probably time to study.
- ② **SLEEP** After the exam is over you should have plenty of time to sleep.
- ③ **FIND A STUDY PARTNER, PREFERABLY THE OPPOSITE SEX:** If your test doesn't work out, then you have someone to comfort you after you fail your exam.
- ④ **DON'T ASK FOR HELP** Then people will realize how dumb you really are.
- ⑤ **DRUGS** A wise man once said, "Don't ask, don't tell."
- ⑥ **EAT BREAKFAST** Knowing that you will be late, food will be too time consuming.
- ⑦ **BE PREPARED, TO BE DISAPPOINTED** Just be happy that you didn't fail.
- ⑧ **RELAX** Remember if you followed step 3 you will be having a good weekend!

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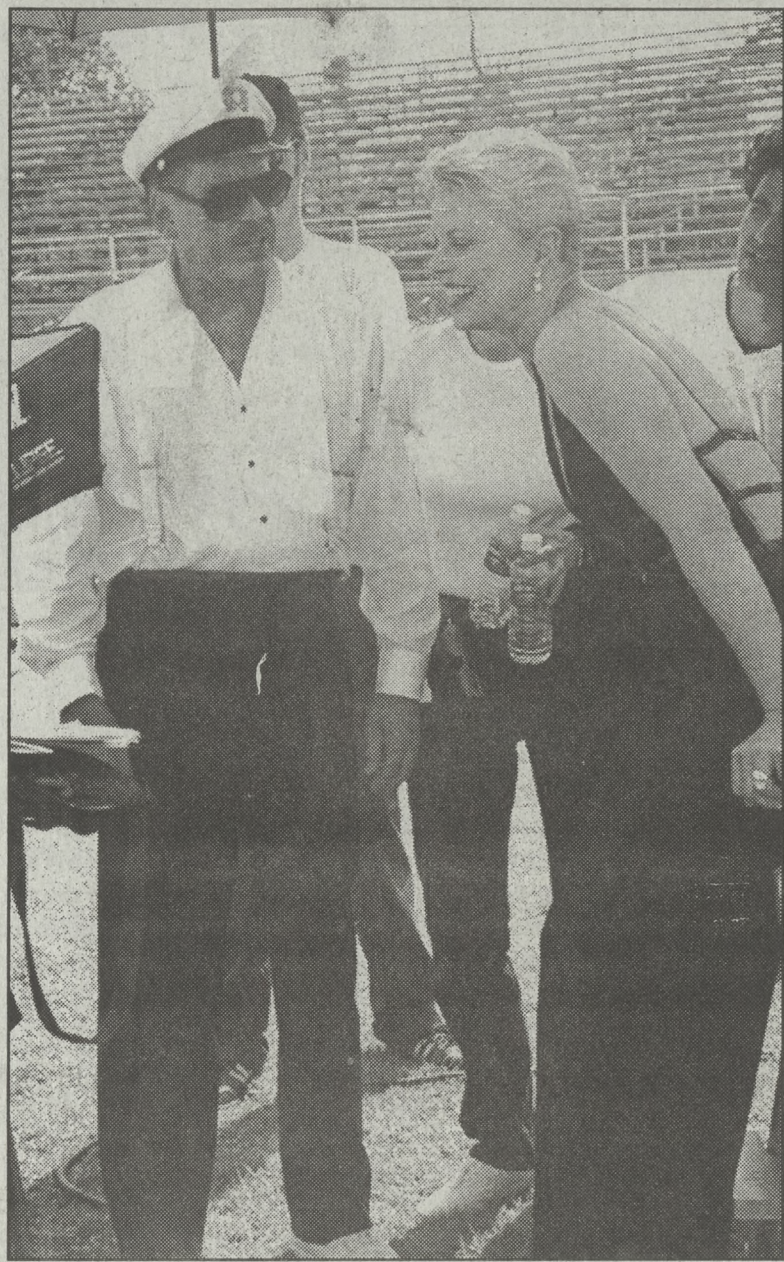
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Captain (Daryl Dragon) and Tennille (Toni Tennille) review the playback video of the Sprint PCS commercial filmed on Valley's football field on Oct. 15. Captain is also a Valley College alumni.

Valley Student Spreads Cheer in Hollywood and New York



STAR PHOTO/JORGE GALLEGOS

BY GERALDINE DALY
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

In November, Valley College student Chad Celi surprisingly found himself the recipient of the Film Advisory Boards' "Award of Excellence for Accentuating the Positive in Hollywood and the World." The award was bestowed upon him for his billboard on Sunset Boulevard which simply says, "Happy Holidays from Chad Celi." He is the first non-celebrity in its 25-year history ever to receive this honor.

"I just wanted to send a personal Happy Holiday message to as many people as possible and felt this was the best way to do it," he said. "I didn't even know this award existed."

Celi was inspired to rent the billboard after assessing what was really important in his life following the 9-11 attacks. He felt he was being ungrateful for all he had and saw this as an opportunity to give a heartfelt gift to millions of people. He has also sponsored a larger billboard in New York's Times Square with the same message.

Elayne Blythe, president of the advisory board, was so touched by Celi's sen-

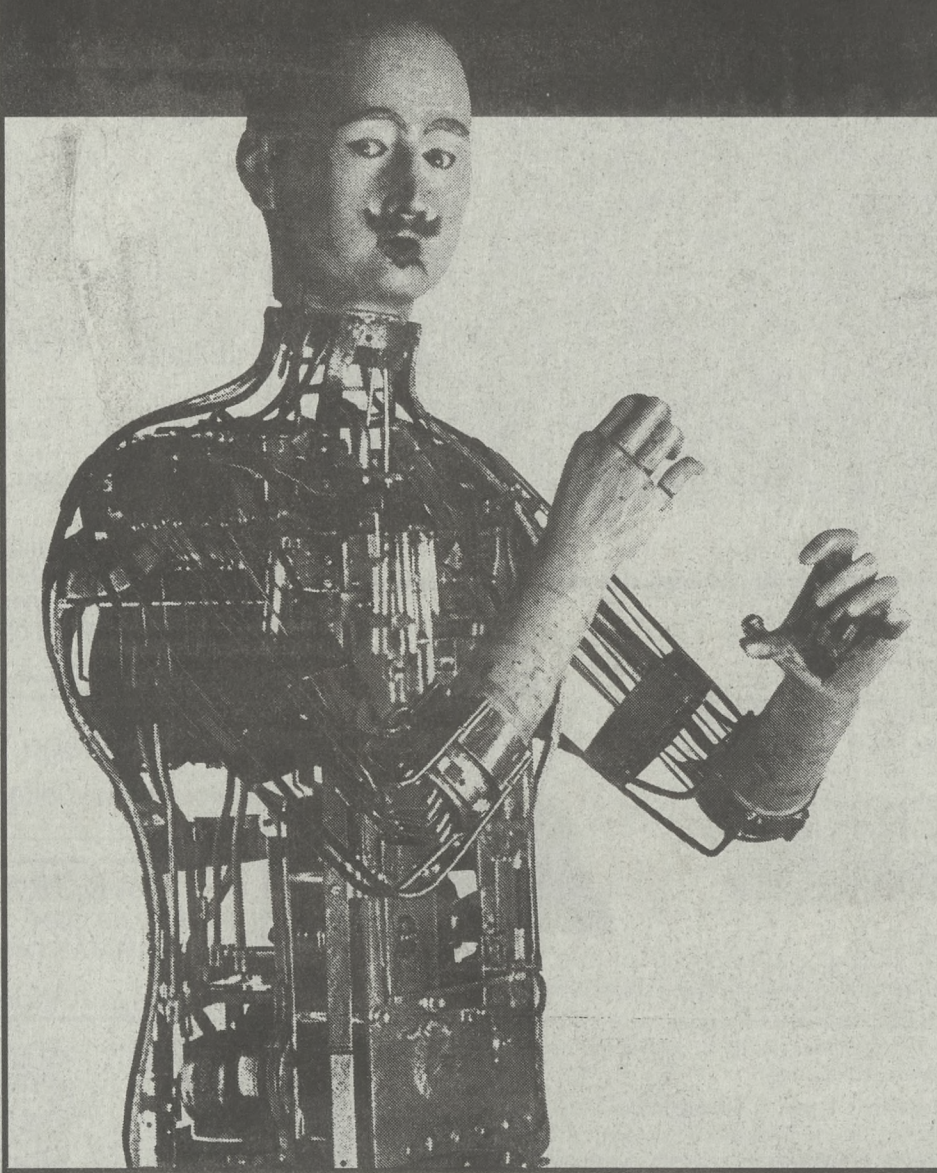
timent she recommended him to the committee as this year's recipient.

"There's not enough credit given to young people; they are our future in the world," she said.

Celi says this is the most rewarding thing he has done in his whole life, and the more people he reaches, the better. He feels this quote by Harriet Shepard sums him up: "Our happiness is greatest when we contribute most to the happiness of others."

When asked if there was anything he wanted to add, he responded emphatically: "Yes! Happy Holidays, from Chad Celi."

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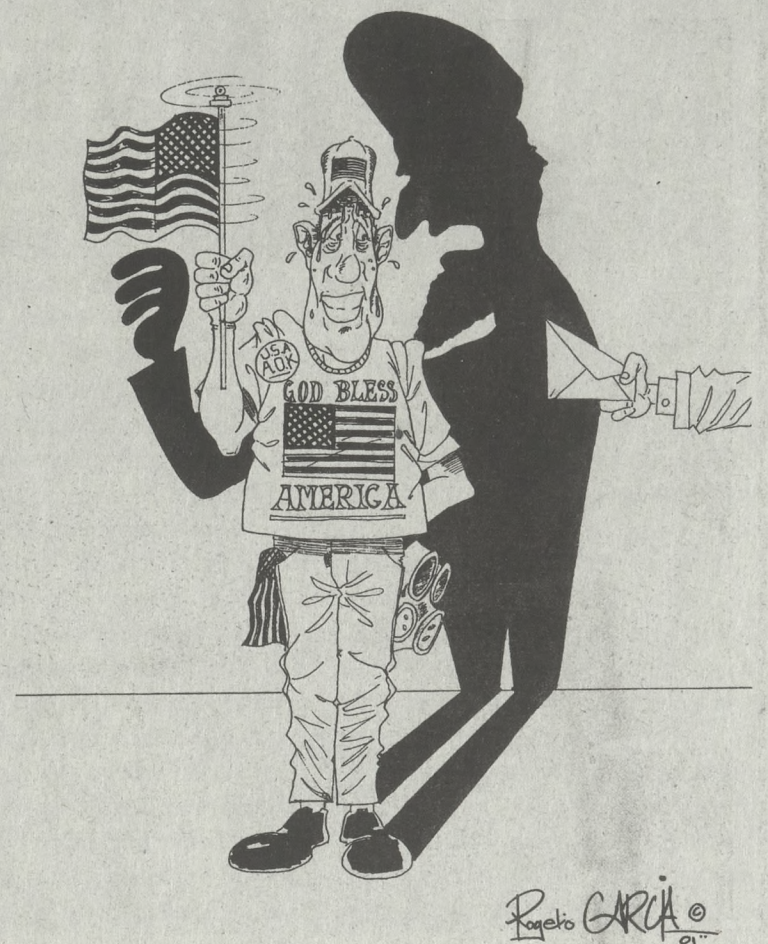
YEAR IN REVIEW



RE-KINDLING PATRIOTISM

Rekindling Patriotism

I came up with the idea for this Ed-Cartoon soon after the 9/11 attacks. I drew the building on fire letting out smoke in the shape of the American flag to signify the public's grief taking shape in the form of patriotism. I received a few responses from people who were less than enthusiastic about my depiction of the events of 9/11.



A Wavering Patriotism

I read an opinion piece in the L.A Times last month about people in a state of denial over the 9/11 attacks and how they're attempting to hide in the guise of patriotism. The opinion had an accompanying picture showing this guy completely covered in "patriot paraphernalia," but had this terrified look on his face. I drew this person doing the same thing, while making a statement about how Americans are really scared, but are too deep in denial to admit it. Yea keep waving your flag that'll help.



"Cruel and Unusual Punishment"

Just recently a court ruled that the "three strikes law" was unconstitutional, but only for one particular case. This guy, Leonardo Andrade, was originally sentenced to two consecutive life sentences for shoplifting. I drew two prison cells. On the left cell, this big guy convicted of first degree murder. On the right cell, this quivering person serving two life sentences for shoplifting. I wanted the viewer to see the degree injustice and how this kind of punishment should be rectified.

Rogelio Garcia has been a cartoonist for the Valley Star for 3 semesters. He plans on returning for another semester as Opinion Editor. Look for his cartoons next semester.

Cartoons by Rogelio Garcia
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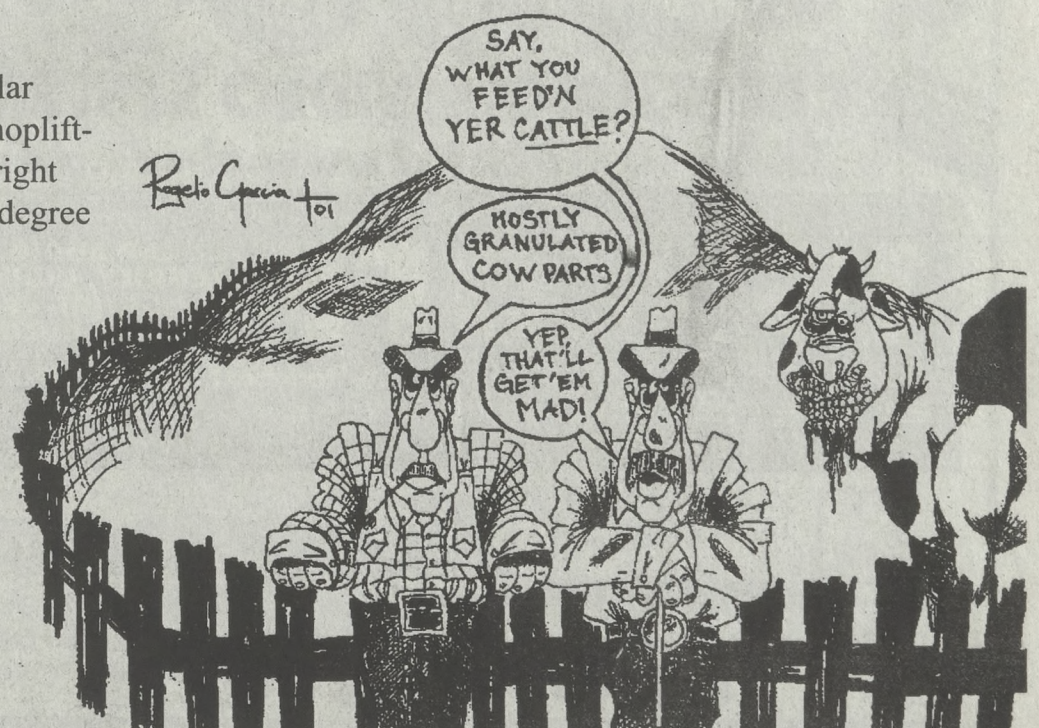
"Mad Cow Madness"

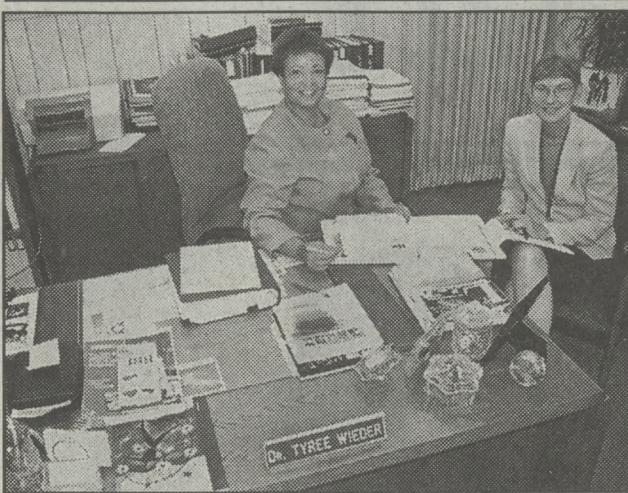
Last semester there was news that the mad cow disease was heading for us once again. I drew these two cattle grazers chatting and one of them saying that he feeds his cow chopped up cow parts, which is the source of mad cow. I liked this drawing for two reasons: One because I liked the way it came out and two because it's NASTY!



"Paranoid Patriot"

I was very disturbed by the amount of people going out and purchasing gas masks as a result of the "anthrax scare", but it also made me laugh. I tried to capture the silliness of the situation by drawing a kid at a Halloween costume contest next to some goof wearing a gas suit kind of saying, "Hey look at me I'm a freak'n moron."



'Women' *continued from page 1*

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President Tyree Wieder prepares for another busy day at Valley College with the help of her secretary Jeanne Rubin.

it can be."

Although the hours are long, she said it had not put a strain on family life. Marriage, though, is a striking gender difference among presidents.

"Ninety percent of male presidents are married; only 57 percent of females are," Wieder said, after attending a recent ACE conference. "Some men are uncomfortable being put in the second spot, some husbands don't like that. Fortunately my husband makes it easy; he's extremely supportive of me and our daughter."

As far as style, she thinks women tend to be more willing to listen to other people, to compromise. And it is a style she likes to employ.

Wieder has won numerous awards and was

recognized as one of the most influential leaders in the San Fernando Valley. She works tirelessly to connect the school with outside opportunities.

A Susan Carleo

Carleo first set foot at Valley in 1976. She was fresh from her undergraduate and graduate studies at San Diego State University, where she focused on family life education.

She joined the faculty full time to teach fashion, interior design and home economics.

She already had some

teaching experience, working as a student teacher in community colleges in San Diego and elsewhere.

"I was determined to support my husband to get through law school," she said.

Carleo decided in 1981 to move ahead and pursue her doctorate in education at UCLA. Like many working adults, she plugged into her studies part time. She received her degree in 1988, and not long after, her career began to soar.

She left Valley in 1989 to be an associate dean (later dean) at Los Angeles Harbor College before filling in as acting vice president of academic affairs at Schenectady County Community College in upstate New York.

After four winters in the east coast, Carleo

moved back to Valley in 1993 as vice president of academic affairs.

So does she see herself in the president's chair?

"I'm not escaping yet," she said. "I do like to challenge myself, and I have definitely considered



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Sue Carleo returned to Valley College in 1993 as vice president of academic affairs, a job that has kept her busy ever since.

that and there have been opportunities, but I love being vice president. It's a very challenging position. You don't get paid as much as someone working for IBM, but this position has value to me and it's one of the places where you get equal pay for equal work, regardless of gender."

Yasmin Delahoussaye

"There's a running joke in my family," laughed Delahoussaye. "that I only cook two times a year - Thanksgiving and Christmas."

In addition to the all-

consuming job of vice president of student affairs, she is currently pursuing her doctorate in educational leadership from UCLA while managing a family of two.

"It's difficult to be a female administrator and family person without a supportive spouse, and I have one," Delahoussaye said. "But I still had to wait until my kids were a certain age before considering administration."

A first-generation college graduate, Delahoussaye grew up in an impoverished military family in Long Beach. She received her bachelor's degree in history from Cal State Los Angeles and her master's in educational psychology from Northridge.

She taught and coordinated the magnet program at a junior high school for several years before moving into administration. Now her days typically run from five in the morning to late in the afternoon and into the weekends.

"I absolutely have no regrets," she said. "There's a different focus, an intrinsic reward to the job. I like to make a difference."



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Yasmin Delahoussaye, vice president of student affairs, says she gets a lot of support from her family that contributes to her success at Valley.

As demonstrated by Valley's administrators, a diverse group of women are beginning to shape today's community colleges.

Each may arrive into the halls of power and decision-making with differing backgrounds and unique perspectives and leadership styles, but all share the same passion for teaching and public service.

"When we leave our jobs at the end of the day, we're not done," Delahoussaye said. "It's hard to do, but passion becomes your job."

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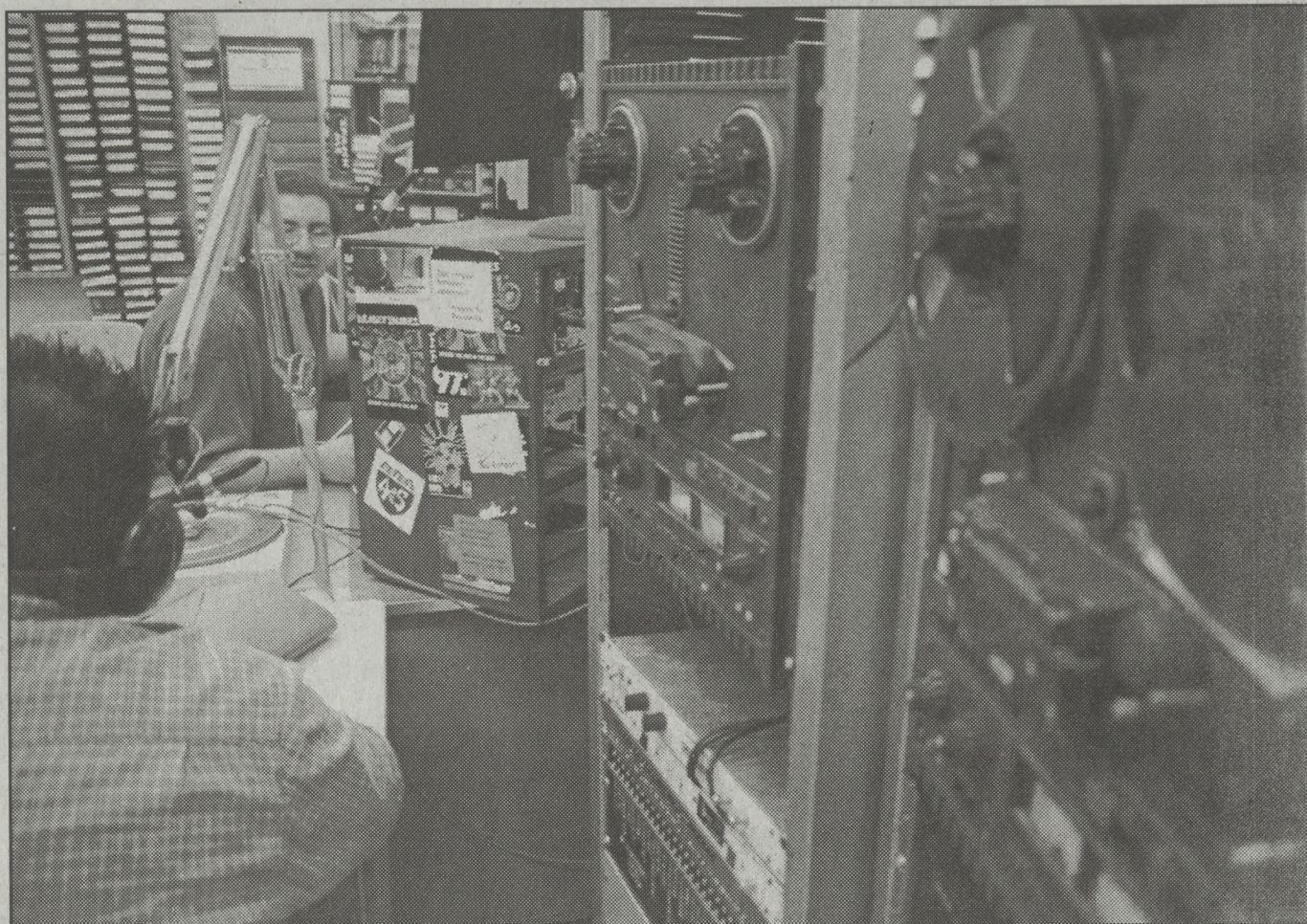
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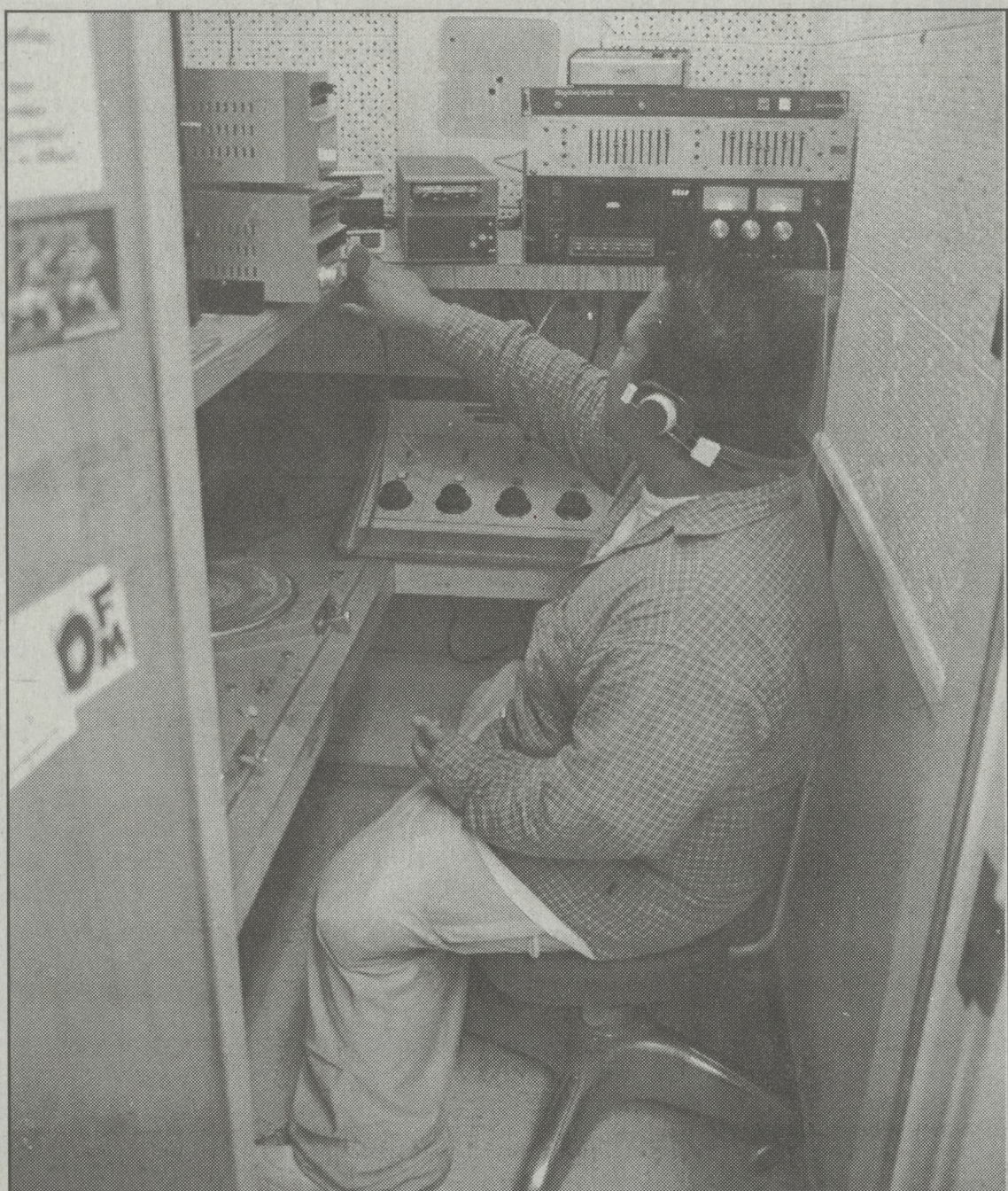
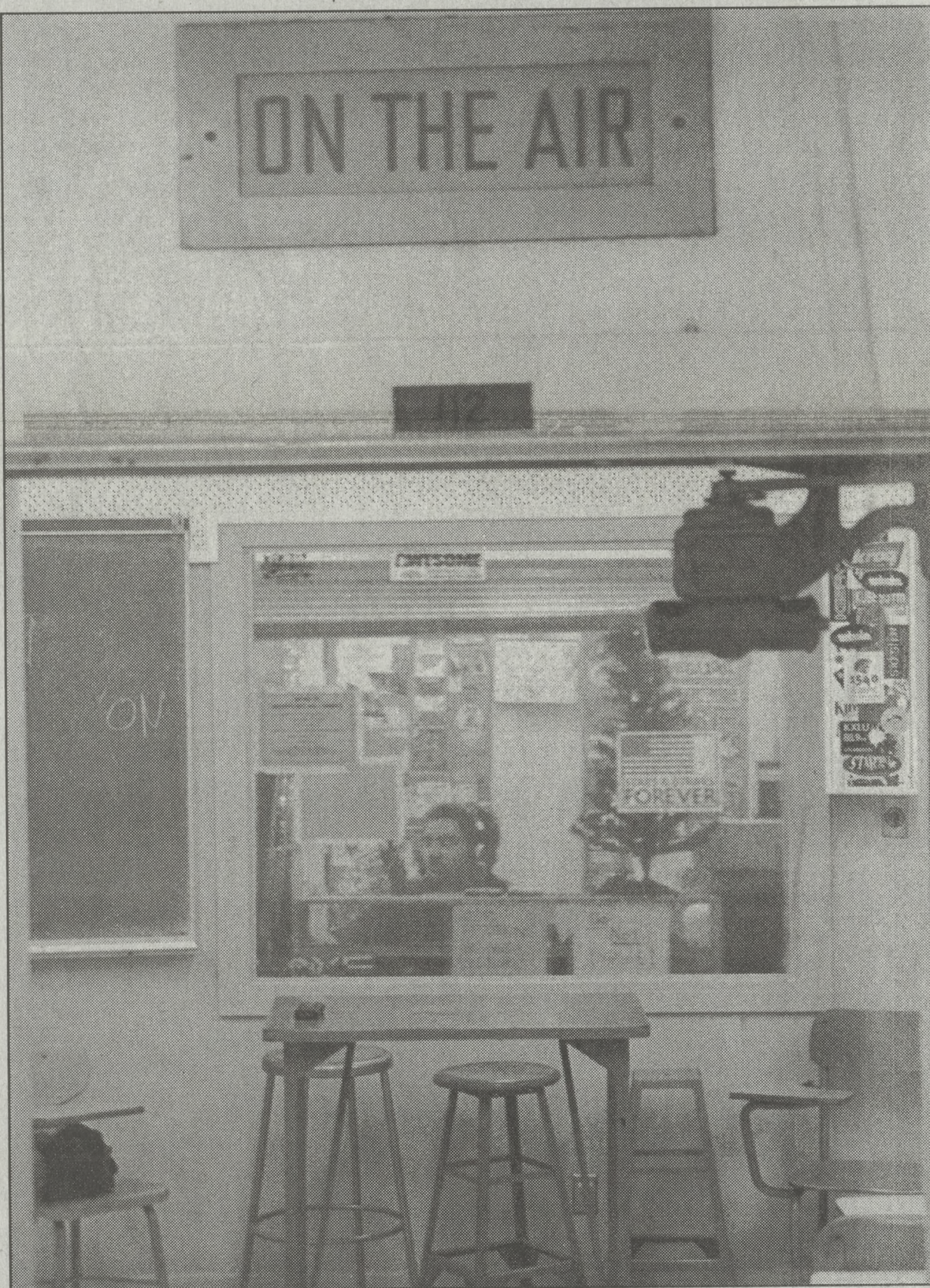
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Broken Down Broadcasting

The broadcasting department is facing some of its hardest times since it's inception here at Valley many years ago. They are trying to create a learning environment without the bare essentials needed to make a radio station successful... like an antenna with a larger range (reach/ radius) than 20 city blocks or turn tables that actually turn. They need microphones that stay in place without the assistance of tape and broadcasting rooms in which they can fit not only a chair, but a person as well.

Clockwise from top left: Debra Faulk (a.k.a. D.D.) and Miguel Boche (a.k.a. Miguelito) work with what they have in the little space they are given. Marvin Bustos (a.k.a. Marv) and Boche carry on with their radio show between the clutter of outdated and non-functioning equipment. Boche delivers his personal view of the world on air, but no one else knows it since the "on air" light stopped working. Faulk wipes off the years worth of dust and spiderwebs from yet another piece of out-dated, cumbersome piece of equipment taking up precious classroom space. Bustos squeezes into the secondary broadcasting room.



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Sports

Tourney Troubles



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Lady Monarchs basketball team at practice working on shooting over defensive payers

BY PEDRO OLIVERA
STAR REPORTER

The Lady Monarchs' basketball team completed a difficult stretch of games that included playing some of the best teams in the state. They went through one tough team after another and escaped with an 11-3 overall record.

"It's playing schedules like this that get you prepared for the conference," said head coach Mike Muro. "That's why we schedule tough tournaments early in the year."

Heading into the Sequoias Invitational on Nov. 29, the Lady Monarchs were ranked as the number one women's team in the state in the weekly poll released by the Commission on Athletics.

That number one ranking would quickly be tested. After trouncing De Anza College 76-44 in the opening round of the Sequoias Invitational, the Lady Monarchs played against the second ranked team in the state, Mount San Antonio. It was a classic battle that went down to the very end. Valley ended up on the wrong side of a 55-54 game. "It was a good game, very entertaining for the fans that were watching," said Muro. "We didn't play our best. I found it odd that they would play the top ranked teams in the state in the second round."

Valley bounced back in the next game against their conference rival, College of the Canyons. It was a tough, physical game with 58 fouls called. The Lady Monarchs came away with a 71-66 victory. "This was a big game for us," said Muro. "COC is our biggest challenge in our conference. To beat them is a big confidence boost."

In Valley's final game of the tournament, they played the host school Sequoias. To make matters worse, they were without standout

player Markia Derby. The Lady Monarchs' effort fell short, 48-47. "I think the girls were just tired," said Muro. "It was our fourth game in four nights. We just wanted to go home." Valley finished a disappointing sixth out of 16 teams. Center Lily Ramirez made the all-tournament first team.

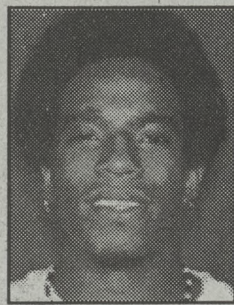
Valley's two losses were by a combined two points. Yet because they came in sixth in the Sequoias Invitational, they dropped to third in Southern California and fourth in the state. The very next weekend they were again tested early. This time it was at the Moorpark Tournament. In the first round of the tournament they got the chance to avenge their first loss to Mt. SAC, now ranked second in the state. The Lady Monarchs didn't waste this opportunity, as they came out victorious 67-52.

As a reward for their outstanding effort, the Lady Monarchs next opponent was Ventura, the number one team in the state. The Lady Monarchs kept it close in the first half, staying within five points of the pre-season state championship favorites. But then, coach Muro said, "We fell apart in the second half." Valley got clobbered by a final score of 73-49. "I think some of our freshmen were a little intimidated by what Ventura has done. I think it was a good learning experience against the best team in the state. I hope we get the chance to play them in the playoffs. We'll be ready for them."

Valley had to settle for playing in the third place game. Not a bad consolation, considering they played the top two teams on back-to-back days. Valley was down 12 with only five minutes to play against Fullerton. The Lady Monarchs came back with a furious flurry to win the game in overtime 68-64. They were led by Derby who had 25 points, including 19 in the second half. Lily Ramirez dominated the inside and earned her second consecutive all-tournament selection. But it was Itricia Ewells who was the hero of the game. She drove the entire length of the floor in seven seconds to hit the game tying shot that sent the game into overtime.

Legendary Advice

BY LEVON DAVIS
SPORTS EDITOR



During my junior year in high school, I was invited to attend a UCLA basketball recruiting camp. There I met the legendary John Wooden, who spoke and gave advice that was good in and out of the sports arena. One thing I remember clearly that ended up being the phrase for the week: "It's amazing what a group of people can accomplish when they don't care who gets the credit," John Wooden told us.

In life you have to be able to manage the small things so you have an opportunity to be involved in the big things. History in the NBA shows that the teams who can accomplish this task have success over the years.

The Los Angeles Lakers have a rich franchise history starting with their first championship in the 1948-1949 season. Most of their teams have had superstars to help win championships, but they have also had role players who don't care how much credit they get just as long as they win ball games. I don't know of too many people who remember Jerry Hairston as being the key factor in which the Lakers won their championship in 1972. The only thing people remember is Wilt Chamberlain and Jerry West. Hairston averaged 10 points a game along with 10 rebounds a game. That's a solid double-double. Chamberlain also had Jim McMillan with him in the paint. If you haven't heard of McMillan, you're not the first. The Lakers without McMillan would have been without 18 points per game. That 1972 team had five players averaging double digits a game. This team was filled with players who will never get substantial credit for being key players, and I doubt they mind.

Another team that got a lot of small contributions from no name players was the 1990-1991 Chicago Bulls. Their first year of their dynasty started with players like Bill Cartwright, Craig Hodges, B.J. Armstrong, Cliff Levingston, Will Purdue, and Stacey King. They all played major minutes and they all contributed to gain a ring. These players had to endure media frenzies caused by the hype Michael Jordan created. In all that hype none of these players got any credit. Night in and night out they suited up to play the same 48 minutes and then be passed up when it came time to hand out credit. During the period of the Bulls six championships, Scottie Pippen never got enough credit. During the first three years he achieved all-star honors, insertion on the NBA all-defense team. He had the job of shutting down players like Reggie Miller and Magic Johnson on a day-to-day basis when it came down to playoff time.

This new dynasty forming with this year's Lakers has installed the same attitude. The Lakers have two players who outshine the rest of the league. Role players like Robert Horry, Rick Fox, Derek Fisher, Tyrone Lou, and Lindsey Hunter will be forgotten as time goes on. No one on the team complains, demands more attention, or wants any extra credit. They go out and do their job and let the rings do the talking.

As seasons pass me by, I take note of the things that these players do. I take note in the way they remain quiet when they are some of the hardest workers out there.

"It's amazing what a group of people can accomplish when they don't care who gets the credit."

- John Wooden

On the Field

Women's Basketball

Dec. 14-16: Fri-Sun. Antelope Valley Tourn. 7pm

Dec 22: Sat, vs Antelope Valley 7 pm (away)

Jan 2: Wed, vs Allen Hancock 5:30 pm (home)

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Men's Basketball

Dec 20-22: Thur.-Sat, Crown City Classic TBA (away)

Dec. 28-30: Fri- Sun, Desert Holiday Classic TBA (away)

Jan 2: Wed, vs Allan Hancock 7:30 pm (home)

Jan 5: Sat, vs Moorpark 7:30 pm (away)

Avoiding the Shadows

BY LEVON DAVIS
STAR REPORTER

This year the Valley College men's basketball got a special player when Rodney Billups decided to play for the Monarchs. There have been high expectations for Billups to succeed since his brother Chauncey Billups plays in the NBA. The one thing that comes with those expectations, are the shadows.

Rodney started playing basketball when he was 5-years-old, and he played his first organized game when he was in the third grade. In that game Rodney scored eight points, and his team won that game 8-2. Ever since then he has decided to play his hardest and improve every time he steps out on the basketball court. As he got older and went to high school, the world around him saw Chauncey's little brother.

"Always be your own man," Chauncey would tell Rodney. He followed his big brother's advice. People gained more respect for him, and he would lead the state in steals and assist his junior year in high school.

Even though Rodney didn't

like being known as Chauncey's little brother, he has always valued their relationship. "He is not only my brother but he is my best friend," Rodney said. Rodney is very family orientated; even though he is away from home he loves the visits from his

ated college at the age of 18. "I plan to be the first person in my family to finish my college education," Rodney said about his school expectations.

There were some advantages from being a brother of someone who was talented enough to play NBA basketball. Around the neighborhood Rodney got immediate respect and no one doubted his basketball talent. Rodney also picked up his crossover move from he brother. One thing that Rodney couldn't accomplish was beating his brother one on one. "The closest I ever came to beating Chauncey was 15-7," Rodney said about his basketball battles with his older brother.

Rodney's accomplishments are growing each day, on and off the field. "Rodney is one of our finest," coach Michelson said about his point guard. Rodney

hopes this is his first and last year at Valley. He wants to move onto NCAA athletics and get his degree. Even in the shadows Rodney's personality and athletic ability shine through. Now he shares the spotlight, leading the conference in assist and leading his team to the playoffs.



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Rodney Billups works his magic as he works on his ball handling at practice.

mom. Rodney also appreciates the struggle his dad had to go through to get where he is. Academically, he tries to keep his head on straight, because he knows the importance of an education. Rodney looks up to his sister-in-law because she gradu-

Player of the Week



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Name:Ryan Abrahams

Grade Level:Sophomore

High School: Pacific Hills, Los Angeles

Awards:All Tournament at Fullerton Classic
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